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Draft conclusions proposed by the Chair

1. The Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) welcomed the views of Parties on the frequency and organization of sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP) and their subsidiary bodies.

2. The SBI also welcomed the views of Parties on adjusting the timing of the election of the President of such sessions and options for strengthening coordination between Presidencies.

3. The SBI requested that the secretariat provide further information and analysis on the options for the frequency and organization of sessions outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2014/11. The SBI recommended that this information be further considered at SBI 42 (June 2015).

4. With regard to the frequency and organization of sessions, including the organization of the high-level segment, the SBI noted the views of some Parties on the need to examine the implications of possibly shifting to an implementation mode of work in the intergovernmental process, as well as high-level participation. The SBI recognized the need to take into account the important role of implementation in work after 2015. Furthermore, it noted that additional consideration should be given to enhance coherence between the outcome of COP 21/CMP 11 and organizational arrangements.

5. The SBI recognized the need to take into consideration and further analyse the implications of hosting the COP and CMP sessions, noting that it is a major undertaking and also noting the views of Parties that sessions held at the seat of the secretariat could increase the opportunity for all Parties to serve as President of the COP and the CMP.

6. The SBI proposed that further consideration be given to the organization of high-level segments at future COP and CMP sessions, keeping in mind that ministers should be engaged when political leadership is needed and the considerable resource implications related to their participation. The SBI further proposed the consideration of alternative

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modes of ministerial engagement during the high-level segment, including those outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2014/11.

7. The SBI requested the secretariat to provide further information on the scenarios outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2014/11 for consideration at SBI 42. The information should include clarification on the budgetary implications of:

(a) Biennial sessions of the COP and the CMP as well as meetings of their subsidiary bodies;

(b) Sessions alternating between a host country and the seat of the secretariat.

8. The information should also outline the implications for the Headquarters Agreement of the secretariat for sessions at venues alternating every year between a host country and the seat of the secretariat.

9. The SBI requested that the secretariat provide further information on and analysis of the options for adjusting the timing of the election of the President, as outlined in document FCCC/SBI/2014/12, including on the rotation of the Presidencies when sessions alternate between a host country and the seat of the secretariat. The SBI agreed to consider this information at SBI 42.

10. With regard to adjusting the timing of the election of the President, the SBI highlighted that the importance of a smooth transition between current and future Presidencies should be in kept in mind for future considerations.

11. The SBI reaffirmed the conclusions as contained in document FCCC/SBI/2014/8, paragraphs 218–221.